

AMENDENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0049] begin on page 3 of U.S. Patent Application Number 2006/0159155 A1 with the following paragraph:

[0049] Longitudinal portion 46 and transverse portion 50 are configured to receivably engage heat sensing probe 34 for support therein such that heat sensing probe 34 is spaced apart from film 36. Thickness δ_c provides the depth necessary to create an air/fluid gap or cavity between heat sensing probe 34 and film 36. This configuration prevents undesired engagement of film 36 with heat sensing probe 34. Advantageously, this design improves accuracy of temperature measurements and avoids distorted readings due to thermal noise, etc. It is contemplated that probe cover 20 may employ one or a plurality of end ribs 38. A proximal face 50a of the transverse portion 50 abuts the distal end 30 of the thermometer 32 when engaged with the probe cover 20 to keep the distal end 30 of the thermometer 32 spaced from the film 36.